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### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Notice is hereby provided that in accordance with G.L. c. 30A, § 2, the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (“Commission”) will convene a public hearing for purposes of gathering comments, ideas, and information relative to a proposed new chapter to 204 CMR and an amendment to a section of 204 CMR. The proposals are developed pursuant to G.L. c. 138, §§ 12 & 24, the Commission’s regulatory promulgation authority.

The proposal includes the following new chapter:

**204 CMR 20.00: Payment of a Fine in Lieu of Suspension.** These new regulations govern under what conditions a licensee who receives a suspension from the Commission may pay a fine in lieu of serving its suspension.

The proposal also includes an amendment to the following section:

**204 CMR 2.18: Resealing of Partially Consumed Bottles of Wine.** These amendments update the Commission’s regulations to comply with The Acts of 2016, c. 297, “An Act further regulating the recorking of wine.”

**The public hearing will be held on Thursday, October 19, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. at the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, 239 Causeway Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02114.**

A complete copy of the draft regulations referenced above may be viewed on the Commission’s website, [www.mass.gov/abcc](http://www.mass.gov/abcc). Anybody wishing to offer comment on any of the draft regulations may appear at the public hearing at the designated date and time or submit written comments. Those who wish to submit written comments on the draft regulations may do so by sending an email to [phathaway@tre.state.ma.us](mailto:phathaway@tre.state.ma.us) with “draft regulations comment” in the subject line. Please be certain to identify in your comments the section number of the regulation for which you are commenting. **Comments must be received by 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 19, 2017.**

For special accommodations at the hearing or for hearing information in an alternative format, please contact Patricia Hathaway at [phathaway@tre.state.ma.us](mailto:phathaway@tre.state.ma.us) or at (617) 727-3040 x 738.